

Remarks/Arguments:

The applicant would like to thank the examiner for the telephonic interview on April 2, 2009, in which the claims and the prior art were discussed.

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Office Action mailed March 13, 2009.

Claims 1-70 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hunter (Java™ Servlet Programming by Jason Hunter, Copyright (c) 2001, 1998 O'Reilly & Associates, Inc.) in view of Fletcher (U.S. Publication No. 2003/0055868).

The independent claims and new claim 72, have been amended to include the feature that “the life cycle stages include an “Init” stage that allows a control to perform initialization, a “Load State” stage that loads previously saved state from a request, a “Create Child Controls” stage that creates any child controls, a “Load” stage that obtains any external resources necessary for processing the request, a “Raise Events” stage that is a two phase stage where controls first indicate they want to raise events and then all controls who indicated this are allowed to raise events, a “Pre-render” stage that is the final stage before the rendering stages, a “Save State” stage in which all controls that want to save their states are given the opportunity to do so, a “Render” stage that is the stage where controls create their GUI representations and control how any children are rendered, a “Unload” stage that allows the control to free resources, and “Dispose” stage that does any final cleanup”. This feature is not shown or made obvious by any of the prior art. This feature is supported by paragraph [0043] of the present invention’s published application.

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now pending in the subject patent application should be allowable, and a Notice of Allowance is requested. The

Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned if he can assist in any way in expediting issuance of a patent.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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